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05/09/01**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL****(Large Entity)**

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS TO FACILITATE GAMES OF SKILL FOR PRIZES PLAYED VIA A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

and invented by:

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Enclosed are:

Application Elements

1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. Specification having 26 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
 - h. Detailed Description
 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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CONTINUED DATA OF RELATED APPLICATIONS:

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| And is a continuation-in-part of 08/677,544 | August 8, 1996 | October 19, 1999 | 5,970,143 |
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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Computer Program in Microfiche (*Appendix*)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)
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Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & document(s)*)
9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
10. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)

16. Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):

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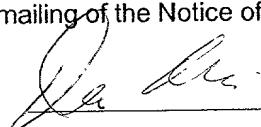
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